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at Sakamsk

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1.

the powder factory, is located about one kilometer north of the Sakamsk railroad terminus on the secondary railroad line Molotov-Sakamsk and two kilometers west of the Kama River. The chemical factory, a new plant engaged in the manufacture of nitrate compounds, is located approximately one kilometer south of the same station on the edge of a thick forest. From PW Camp Sakamsk # 7207/11, almost one kilometer distant from the chemical works, source was able to identify three large structural installations.

2. The powder plant appeared to be an old one but, in any case, it was in full production when the PWs arrived in the area. There were no indications that it had been erected recently. All trains on this line, including passenger traffic, must pass through the yards of the powder factory and often are held up a long time before being admitted. The plant installations cover a large open area of perhaps 2 x 1 kilometers. Several hundred meters toward the Kama River there is a fair-sized iron foundry. A new, rather high water tower stands just south of the Sakamsk railroad station.

3. The chemical factory, on the other hand, was still partly under construction. Some of the factory was already producing. This plant also covers a considerable area but is surrounded by trees which prevent an unobstructed view. Nevertheless, three large horseshoe-type buildings were visible from Camp # 7207/11. Nitrogen trioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) was being manufactured. Occasionally a brown gas was observed floating over the installations.

the plant manufactured nitrate compounds and apparently coordinated its production with the powder factory.

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1. The town of Sakamsk is an unattractive place, consisting for the most part of barracks-type houses, which serve other large and small industrial works along the Kama River and extend almost uninterruptedly from Kamatal to Molotov. [redacted] the distance between Molotov and Sakamsk to be about fifteen kilometers. An hourly railroad shuttle service connects the two towns.

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2. The factory buildings described in the present report may be part of the Kirov Chemical Combine, which is located 18 km west of Molotov and also produces explosives.

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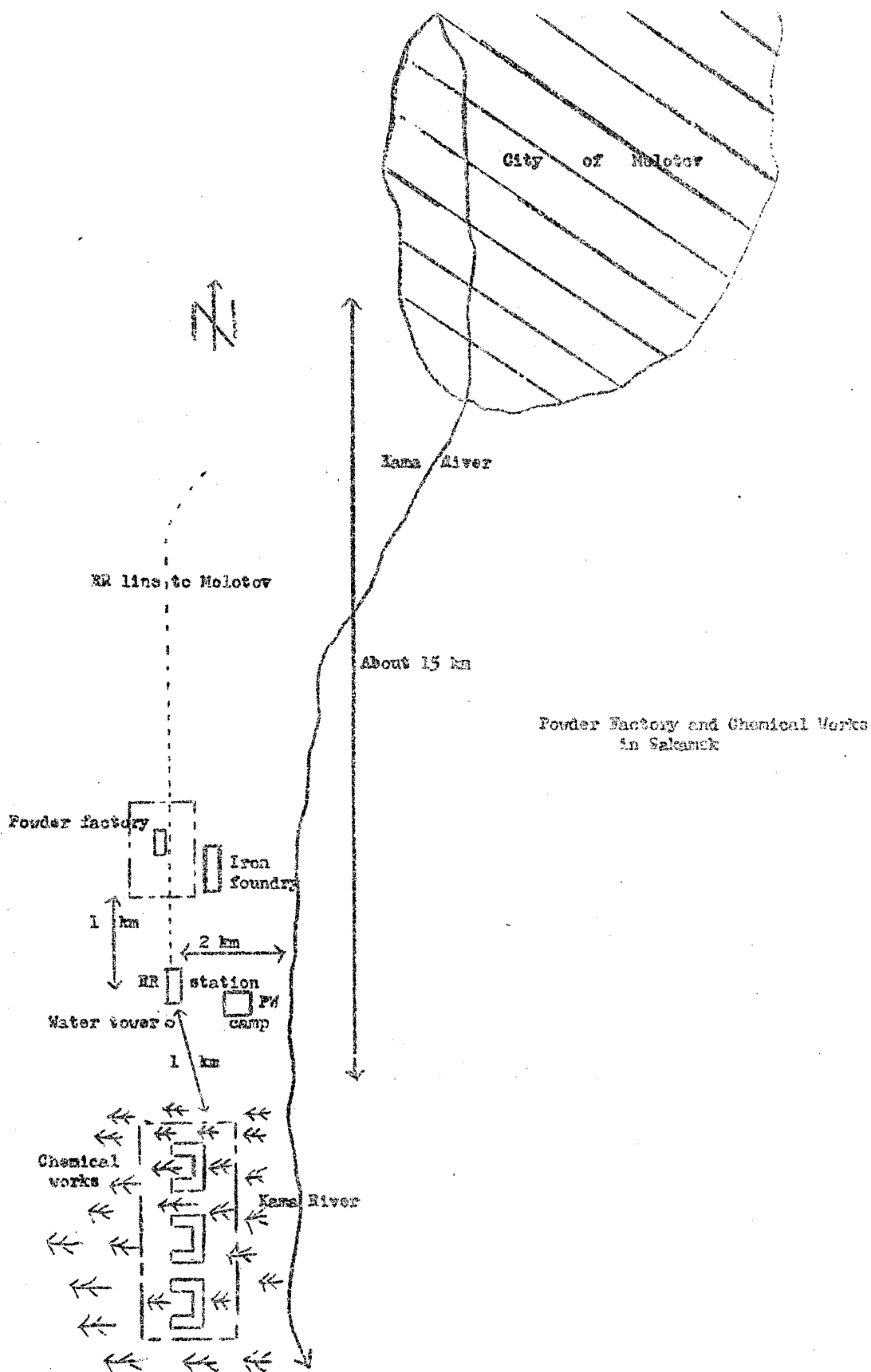
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